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MEMORANDUM TO: The Director of Intelligence, WDGS.

SUBJECT: Disposition of former OSS files of Intelligence Photographs.

1. The Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of State, in charge of Research and Intelligence, possesses a file of Intelligence Photographs, inherited from the Office of Strategic Services, comprising some 300,000 photographs and 400,000 unprinted negatives.
2. The "burial" of this valuable collection in dead storage is inevitable unless some provision for its disposition in useable form in an accessible location is made in the near future.
3. The collection is catalogued on IBM cards and each card contains a micro-film reproduction of the photograph or negative concerned. Examination of the items for determination of their specific value is, thus, a relatively simple matter.
4. The two possible dispositions of the collection which a preliminary survey suggests are:
 - a. To divide the collection among interested agencies;
 - b. To place the collection in the custody of the Central Intelligence Group as a nucleus for an ultimate central Library of Intelligence Photographs.
5. You are requested to designate an expert representative to meet with a representative of the Director of Central Intelligence, at a time or times to be determined, in order to study this matter in detail and prepare recommendations for the best disposition of the collection of photo-materials concerned. It is further requested that you inform this office of the name, rank and office of your designated representative.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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Colonel,
Executive to the Director.

Distribution:

- The AG of AS, A-2.
- The Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army.
- The Chief of Naval Intelligence.
- The Assistant to the Secretary of State, in charge of Research and Intelligence.

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MEMORANDUM

From: The Chief of Naval Intelligence.
To : The Director of Central Intelligence.
Subj: Disposition of former O.S.S. file of Intelligence Photographs.
Ref : (a) Director of Central Intelligence Memo, same subject,
dtd 2 July 1946.

1. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Reference (a) Comdr. Sterling T. Dibrell, U.S.N.R., Officer in Charge of the Graphic Center, Office of Naval Intelligence is designated as Navy representative to meet with a representative of the Director of Central Intelligence to determine disposition of O.S.S. photographic files.

C. H. Murphy,
By direction.